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The Story Thus Far...

This is the tale of the Vampire King Duzell and his quest for revenge against the good King Phelios, a valiant warrior who slew the vampire a century ago. Now Duzell has returned, reincarnated as a feline foe to deliver woe to... well, that's the problem. Who is the reincarnation of King Phelios?

Ishtar, Duzell and the rest of her royal regulars have journeyed to Zi Alda to visit Ishtar's sick aunt and to test the familial waters, murky as they may be, for any sign of Phelios' reincarnation. So far the sneaky little king hasn't shown up, but Ishtar and Duzell have found a scheming little military wife named Leene, who would like nothing more than to ensure that Ishtar never again breathes that fresh Pheliostan air. Or any air, for that matter. Though married to Ashley, the General of the Zi Alda army, Leene has a thing for Yujel, the highly-desired prince of Zi Alda, who was recently revealed to be none other than Yujinn, Princess Ishtar's magic teacher.

Now, Ishtar doesn't love Yujel, she loves Darres, but Leene doesn't realize this, and fearing that the princess may be in town to snatch up her favorite free prince, she's made a decision to use poison to permanently end Ishtar's prince-stealing ways. However, someone has gotten the better of our little Leene. Someone with a sick sense of humor. They've leaked word of Leene's plot to the public, leaving poor Leene stuck in the Zi Alda ballroom with what may be a glass of very cruel intentions in her hand.



吸血遊戲
南鎮篇
Act.16

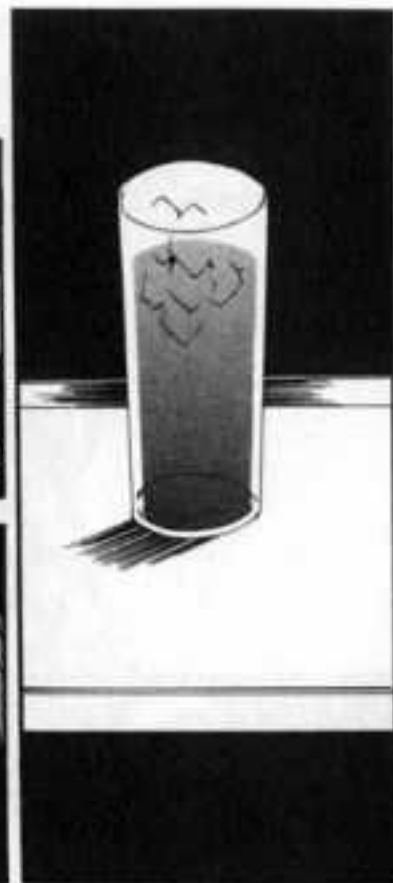
HER
MAJESTY'S
DRINK HAS
BEEN
POISONED!

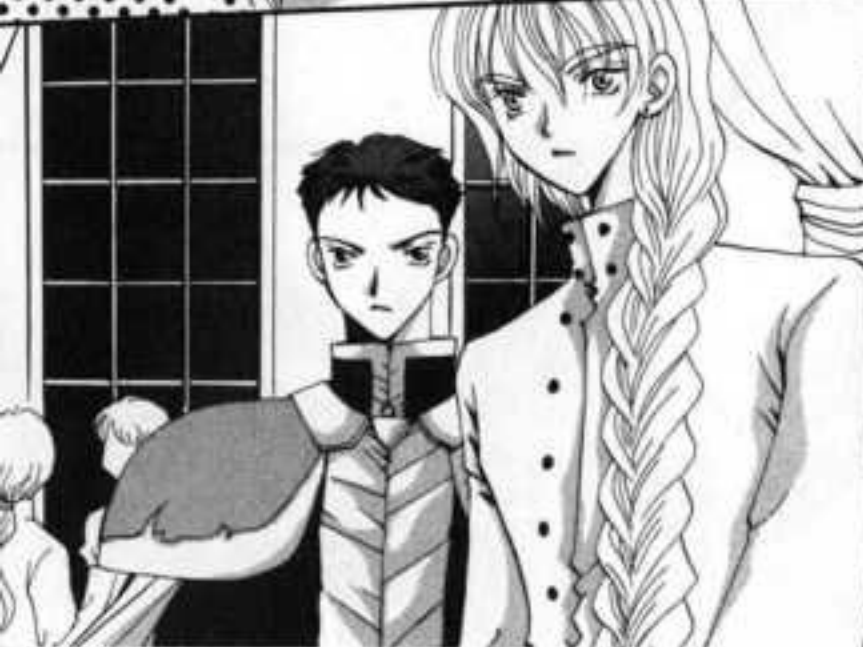


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...THERE'S
NO TELLING
WHAT SHE
MIGHT DO
TO KEEP
HIM HERE.

IF THEY
REALLY
HAD A
SUICIDE
PACT...



...IF
SHE
REALLY
WANTS
TO GET
RID OF
ME...



...I CAN'T
THINK OF
A STUPIDER
WAY TO
DO IT!



...I
NEED A
FAVOR.

HEY,
DUZIE...



BUT...





...YOU'RE MAKING A FOOL OF MY MOTHER, WHO TRUSTED YOU WHEN NO ONE ELSE DID.

YOU'RE A GENERAL NOW...

...AND THE MINISTER OF MILITARY STRATEGY.

IF YOU DO THIS, YOU'RE NOT JUST SACRIFICING YOURSELF...

STOP AND THINK ABOUT THAT.

HOWEVER, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT POISON...

I'M SORRY, YUJINN.



I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HER, BUT DON'T BE FOOLISH.

...YOU'LL BE BETRAYING MY MOTHER'S TRUST...

SHE GOT HERSELF INTO THIS. AND IF YOU TRY...

...TO TAKE THE FALL FOR HER...

...AND THE TRUST OF YOUR PEOPLE.



ISHTAR...



...THIS
FARCE!

WHAT
THE DEVIL
ARE YOU
THINKING,
SHARLEN? WE
HAD THE
PERFECT
PLAN, AND
YOU TOSSED
IT AWAY
FOR THIS...
THIS...



!?



THIS IS
PATHETIC.



...BUT
WHO KNEW
THIS ONE
WOULD BE SO
MUCH FUN?
I CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE WHAT
HAPPENS
NEXT!



LORD
LASSEN

...POISON-
INGS ARE
ALWAYS
ENTERTAIN-
ING...



AFTER
A FEW
TOO MANY
OF ISHTAR'S
FOOD
TASTERS DIED
MURMURING
SOMETHING
ALONG THE
LINES
OF "URK...
ARSENIC..."

A
FARCE,
LORD
LASSEN?
WELL, LET
ME TELL
YOU WHAT'S
NOT A
FARCE.

...THE
PRINCESS
CHOSE TO
STOP PUTTING
INNOCENT
LIVES AT
RISK, AND
BEGAN
BUILDING UP
TOLERANCES
TO EVERY
KNOWN
TOXIN.

AT
THIS POINT,
A NIGHT-
SHADE SALAD
WOULDN'T
EVEN GIVE
HER A
STOMACH-
ACHE.



WELCOME
HOME...

...LORD
SHARLEN.

WE
MISSED
YOU.



.....

SERIOUSLY,
LASSEN...

A
THREATEN-
ING
NOTE
WOULD
HAVE
DONE
THE
TRICK.

...YOU
NEEDN'T
HAVE
BOTHERED
WITH
ALL
THIS.

ONCE
ITS
FOUNDATION
HAS BEEN
UNDER-
MINED...

...BY
MISTRUST
AND
TREACHERY...

...IT WILL
COLLAPSE
UNDER
ITS OWN
WEIGHT.

...THAT
OUR
GOAL IS
TO BRING
DOWN THE
HOUSE OF
PHELIOS.

WE
MUST
NOT
FOR-
GET...



YOUR
POISON
MIGHT
HAVE
SENT HER
TO BED
EARLY.
NOTHING
MORE.

IS
THAT
SO?

THEN
WHY
DIDN'T
WE HAVE
THIS
DISCUS-
SION
EARLIER?

ALL
THAT
MATTERS
IS THAT
SOMEONE
CLOSE TO
HER...

BECAUSE

...WHETHER
THE PRINCESS
LIVES OR
DIES IS
IRRELEVANT.

NOW
SHE'LL
SUSPECT
EVERYONE.

...AND
CLOSE
TO ZI ALDA,
TRIED TO
MURDER
HER.

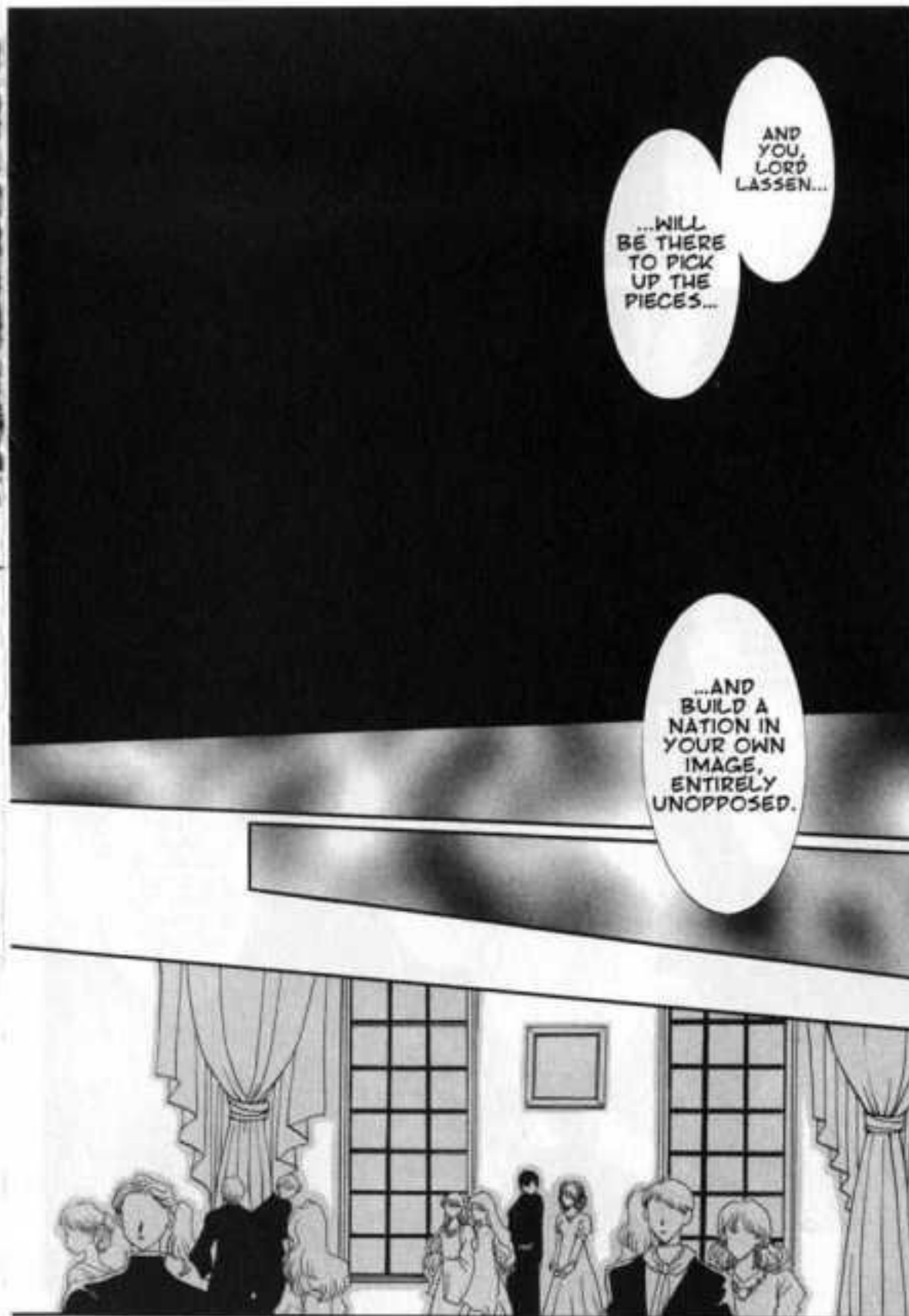


...I NEED
YOU TO
QUICKLY
COME UP
WITH A
SPELL TO
COUNTERACT
IT.

DUZIE,
I'M GONNA
DRINK IT.
IF IT'S
POISONED...



ISHTAR,
NO!!!



AND
YOU,
LORD
LASSEN...

...WILL
BE THERE
TO PICK
UP THE
PIECES...

...AND
BUILD A
NATION IN
YOUR OWN
IMAGE,
ENTIRELY
UNOPPOSED.







HA
HA
HA
HA!



HA
HA
HA
HA!

HA
HA
HA
HA!



...ZERO!



TOTAL
BODY
COUNT...

GOOD
WORK,
SHARLEN!



DARREN!





WHY
ISN'T THE POISON
WORKING
ON HIM?
IS HE
IMMUNE,
TOO?



THAT
MAN
MUST BE
CHARMED...



...BECAUSE
ANY TIME
HE CROSSES
MY PATH,
MY PLAN
STARTS TO
UNRAVEL.



LEVEL
OF MIS-
TRUST...
ALSO
ZERO!

I'VE
SEEN
CHILDREN'S
THEATER
WITH FAR
MORE
SINISTER
PLOTS.



AD-LIB MY
ORDERS
AGAIN...

...AND
IT'LL
BE
YOUR
FINAL
PERFOR-
MANCE.



「タ
ン」







DON'T WORRY, LEENE. IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO DARRES, YOU WON'T SWING...







"SHE'S
IN LOVE
WITH
DARRES."

吸血遊戲
南嶺篇
Act.17



SHE'S
IN LOVE
WITH
DARRES.

HOW
ON EARTH
DID I MISS
THAT?





吸血遊戯
セ・アルグ
南領篇
Act.17







BUT
THAT
DIDN'T
STOP ME
FROM
TRYING.

...WON'T
MAKE ANY
MORE
ROOM
IN YOUR
HEART
FOR ME.

I...

...ALSO
KNOW
THAT
GETTING
RID OF
THE
PEOPLE
YOU
LOVE...



AND
THAT'S
WHAT'S
SO
PAINFUL!



DEEP
DOWN,
I KNOW
THAT
NOTHING
I DO WILL
MAKE YOU
LOVE ME.

I KNOW
THAT!



I
KNOW.



THEN
MAYBE...

...YOU'D
REALIZE
THAT
ASHLEY
LOVES
YOU...

...A
HELL
OF A
LOT
MORE
THAN
YOU
LOVE
ME.





I
KNOW
WHAT
YOU
MEAN.

I
THINK
I LOVE
HER,
TOO.

BUT
SOMETHING
INSIDE ME
JUST GOES
COLD...

...WHEN
I THINK
ABOUT HOW
KELD TRIED
FORCING ME
TO MARRY
YUJINN.

*Think that
qualifies as
child abuse?*

IT'S
NOT THAT
I DON'T
LOVE
YUJINN
OR AUNT
SONIA.

A few
weeks
later...



...YES,
I LOVE
HER.

...OR
TO ME,
FOR
THAT
MATTER,
BUT...

I
DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
LOVE
MEANS
TO YOU...





DUZIE,
THERE'S
A POST-
SCRIPT!



"PLEASE
ACCEPT
THIS LOVE
POTION
AS MY
WAY OF
THANKING
YOU..."

"...FOR
NOT
PRESSING
CHARGES."



OH,
LEENE...



"BUT
MORE THAN
ANYTHING
ELSE, I'M
SORRY FOR
MAKING
YOU WORRY
ABOUT
DARRES."

"ONCE
AGAIN, I
WANTED TO
APOLOGIZE
FOR ALL
THE PAIN
I CAUSED
YOU."



"YUUJEL'S
BEEN
HELPING
HER TAKE
CARE OF
ALL HER
OFFICIAL
DUTIES."

"QUITE
DASHINGLY,
I MIGHT
ADD."



"...YOUR
HEARTS
WILL BE
FOREVER
JOINED."

"IF
YOU DRINK
THIS MAGIC
ELIXIR
WITH THE
ONE YOU
LOVE..."



YOU'LL
SEE.

LIKE
WHAT?

KNOWING
ISHTAR, I
WOULDN'T
BE SURPRISED
IF SHE
THOUGHT
IT WAS
A JOKE...

DO
YOU
THINK
SHE'LL
...

...ACTUALLY
USE IT?



...AND...

...DECIDED
TO DRINK
IT WITH
HER CAT
OR SOME-
THING.



I...

...DIDN'T
EXPECT
YOU TO
HELP
ME...

...GET
DARRES
AND ISHTAR
TOGETHER.
AFTER ALL,
MY PLANS
DO HAVE A
WAY OF
BACKFIRING.



OR IS
THAT
WHAT
YOU
WERE
HOPING?



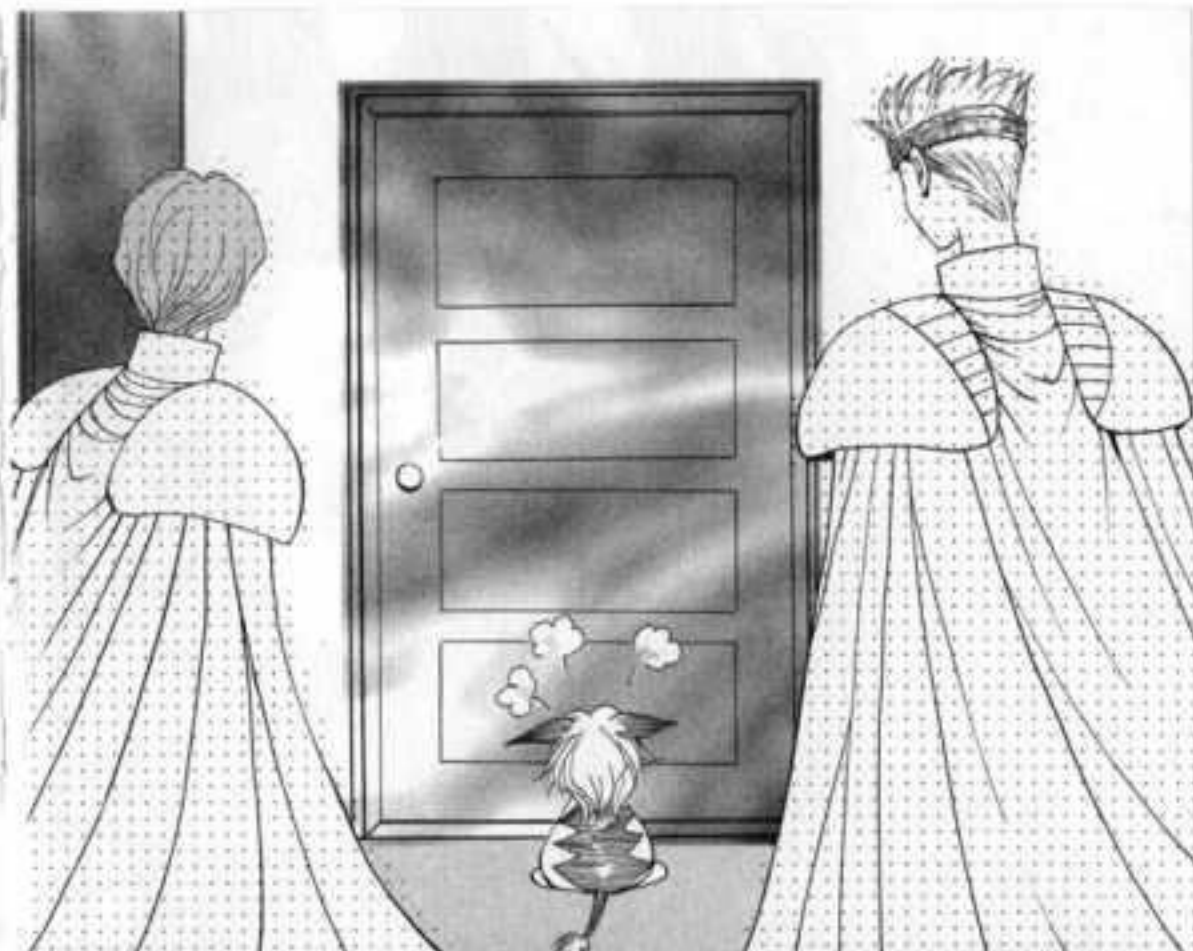
NO.

I HAVE
MY OWN
REASONS.





WELL, JILL,
I CAN THINK
OF SEVERAL
THINGS. BUT
NOTHING THAT
CAN BE
DISCUSSED
IN FRONT
OF THE
CAT.



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
THEY'RE
DOING?

THEY'VE
BEEN IN
THERE
FOR MORE
THAN AN
HOUR!





"LIKE SOME STUPID
ELIXIR COULD
REALLY MAKE YOU
FALL IN LOVE
WITH ME!"

I
THINK
THIS
CRAP
MAY
BE
GOING
TO MY
HEAD...

WAIT
A
SECOND
...

I LOVE
YOU,
DARRÉS.

I'M
SUCH AN
IDIOT!!

I CAN'T
BELIEVE I
FELL FOR
THAT CRAP!
MAGIC
POTION
MY ASS!

LIKE
SOME
STUPID
ELIXIR
COULD
REALLY
MAKE YOU
FALL IN
LOVE
WITH
ME!

SOMEONE
TOLD YOU
THIS WAS
A LOVE
POTION?

Heh
heh
heh!

YOU
DIDN'T
ACTUALLY
PAY MONEY
FOR IT, DID
YOU?



Vampire Game - Side Story

And On Valentine's Day...



I
LOVE
YOU
MORE
THAN
ANYONE
ELSE
IN THE
WORLD.



南領篇
FIN



I CAN'T BELIEVE I NEVER THOUGHT OF THIS BEFORE! EVERY OTHER GIRL IN PHELIOSTA HAS BEEN DOING IT FOR YEARS!



I'M...

...WELL...

UM...



I'M MAKING VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATES FOR MY TRUE LOVE!



A few days prior to her adventure in Zi Alda, Ishtar found herself facing an even more ominous threat—the threat of spending Valentine's Day alone.



SHE'S NEVER UP BEFORE NOON UNLESS SHE'S PLANNING SOMETHING.

WHAT'S GOING ON?





WHY NOT? MAROA TOO CHEAP TO SPRING FOR SOME CHOCOLATES?



I DIDN'T GET ANYTHING LAST YEAR! NO CANDY, NO CARD... NOTHING!



...TELL HER HOW TO EXPRESS HER LOVE. APPARENTLY, IT'S SYMPTOMATIC OF THE PATRIARCHY. IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T SUPPORT HER COMMITMENT TO CULTURAL REFORM...
...but everyone else gets some!

THAT'S NOT IT. SHE SAYS SHE'S NOT GOING TO LET SOME CHOCOLATE COMPANY...



I'M RIGHT THERE WITH YOU, BROTHER.



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SCAMPER AND FROLIC OR SOMETHING.

DUZIE, WHY DON'T YOU GO PLAY OUTSIDE?

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イ

I HATE VALENTINE'S DAY!

ズン

Jill's Valentine...

(Don't worry, it doesn't involve zombies...)





Krai's Valentine
(or lack thereof)...



DESPITE
THE
OPPRESSION
INHERENT IN
GENDER-
SPECIFIC GIFT-
GIVING RITUALS
AND THE
UNDERLYING
EMOTIONAL
EXPLOITATION
BY THE CONFECTION-
ARY
ESTABLISH-
MENT--

...FOR BEING SO KIND TO ME OVER THE YEARS.

CONSIDER IT A THANK YOU...

I MADE IT MYSELF. JUST FOR YOU.

OH... UH... I SUPPOSE NOT.

Grant... even little old ladies know how pathetic my love life is...



Darres' Valentine...



IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY. YOU DON'T WANT ALL YOUR GIFTS TO COME FROM OLD LADIES NOW, DO YOU?

SIR DARRES, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO FIND YOURSELF A NICE GIRL?



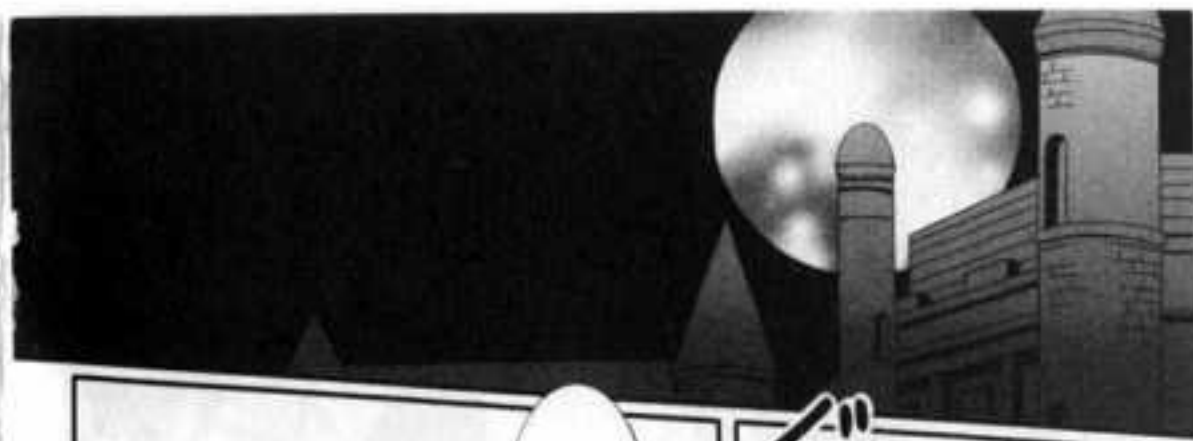


ANYHOW,
I MELTED
DOWN THE
CHOCOLATES
I MADE...



I'D
RATHER
SHARE
THE
CHOCO-
LATES
WITH
YOU,
DUZIE...

...AND
MADE US
SOME HOT
COCOA.



BUT THIS
YEAR,
HE'S
KEEPING
SOME!

YEAR
AFTER YEAR,
DARRES HAS
ALWAYS SENT
WHATEVER
VALENTINE'S
CHOCOLATE
HE RECEIVED
TO THE
ORPHANAGE!



I
CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!



WHICH
SKANK
DO I
GET
TO
SPANK?!

WHO
GAVE
IT TO
HIM?



THEY'RE
IN A BIG
RED BOX!
WITH A
BOW AND
EVERYTHING!



I
CARE
ABOUT
YOU.

AND THERE
AREN'T REALLY
MANY THINGS
THAT I CAN
CHERISH IN
MY LIFE.

吸血遊戯
北嶺篇
Act.1



I
KNOW
WHAT
YOU
MEAN.

トーン



...WITH A
HINT OF
BITTER-
NESS.

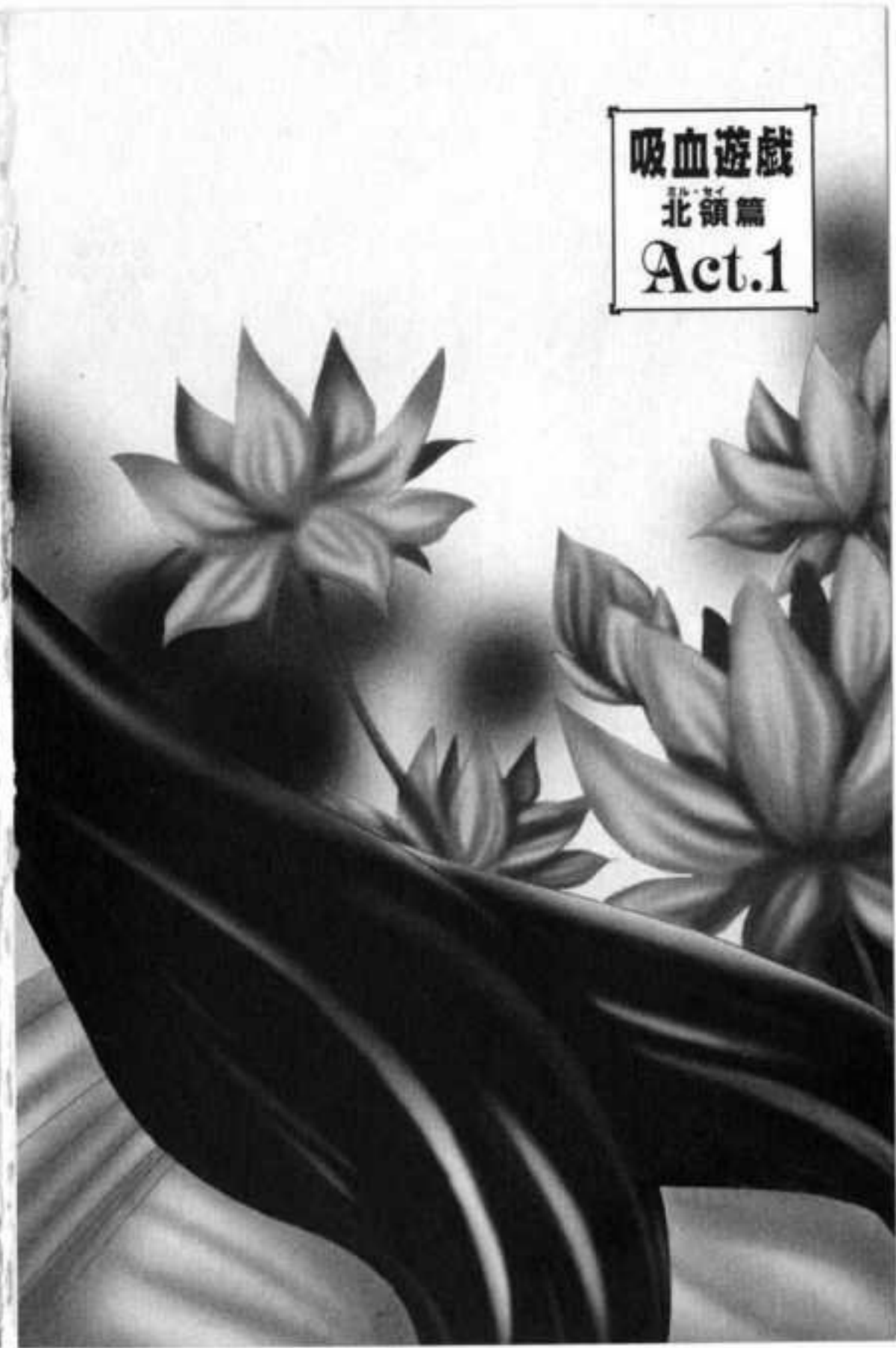
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WAS
INCREDIBLY
SWEET...

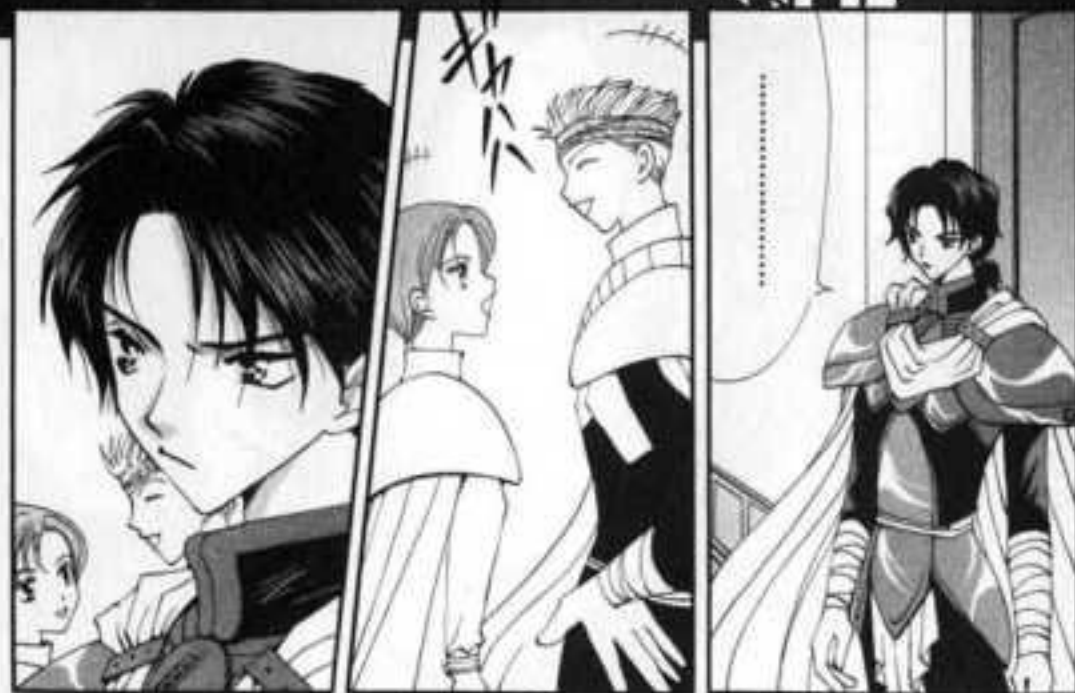
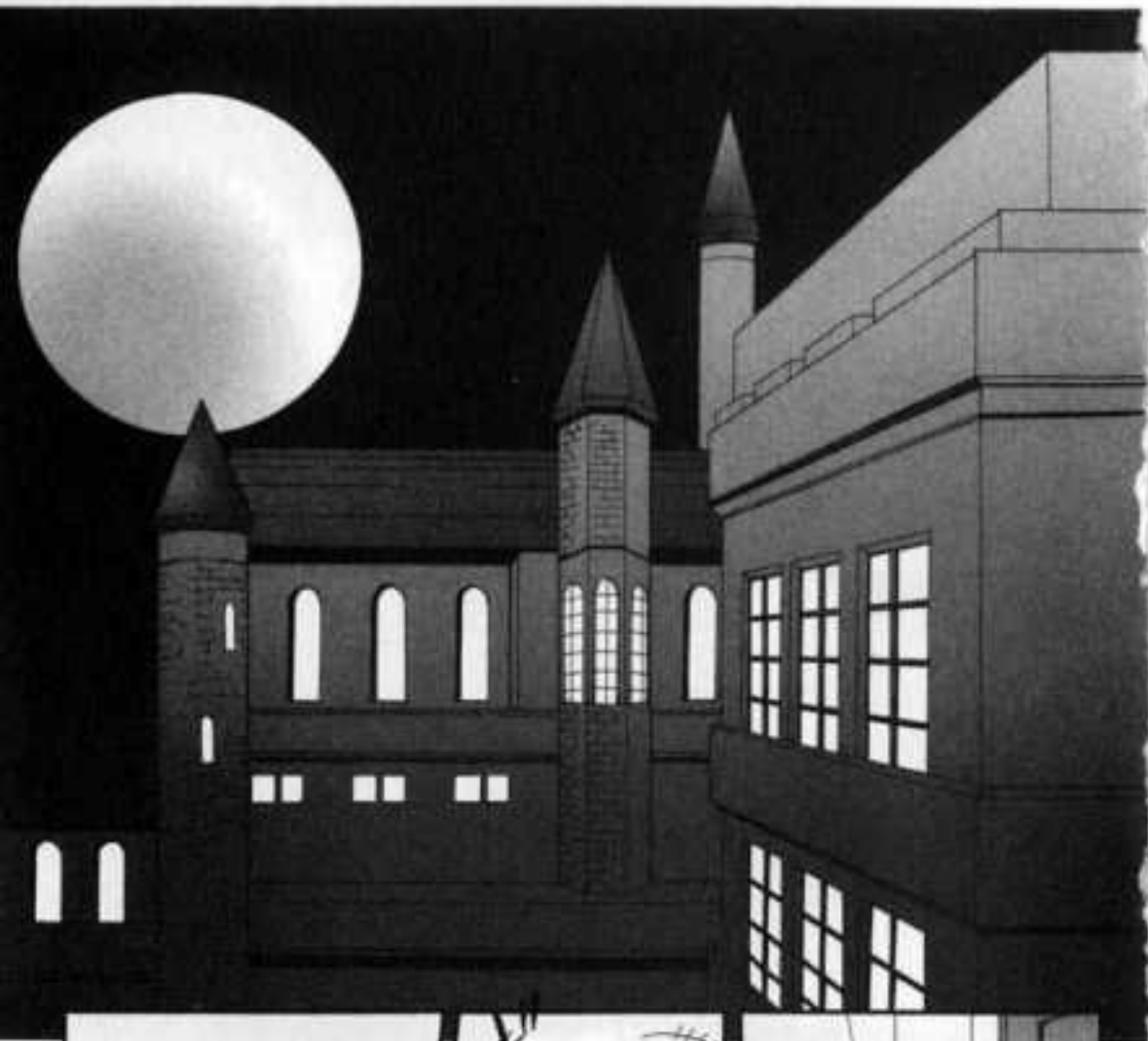
I'D NEVER
TASTED
CHOCOLATE
BEFORE.

FIN



吸血遊戲
北領篇
Act.1





I LOVE
YOU MORE
THAN ANYONE
ELSE IN THE
WORLD.









WHY ARE YOU THANKING ME?!



AUNT SONIA...
...IS DEAD.







YOU
SAID IT
YOURSELF.



HUH?

WE
HUMANS
CAN'T
ESCAPE
DEATH.

AND...

...THE
WAY WE
CHOOSE
TO DIE.

SO WHAT'S
IMPOR-
TANT...

...IS THE
WAY WE
CHOOSE
TO LIVE.

I'VE BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT IT...



BE
RIGHT
THERE!



WHAT...?

...AND
I WANT
TO DIE
PROTECTING
THE ONES
I LOVE. JUST
LIKE MY
GREAT-GRAND-
FATHER,
ST. PHELIOS.





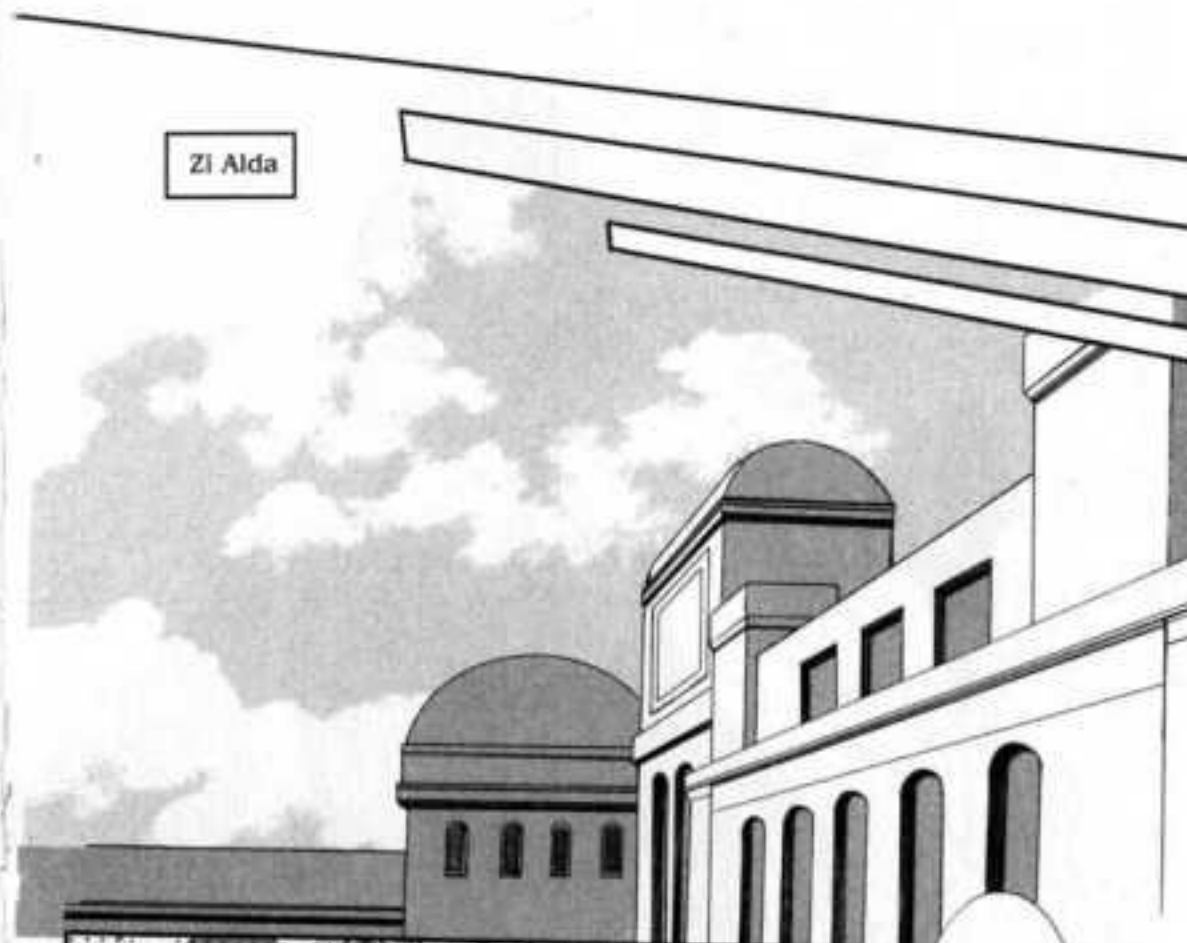
YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT LADY SONIA HAD ANOTHER CHILD? A SON?



WHY HAVEN'T WE SEEN HIM?



WHY HIDE HIM AWAY?



—THERE YOU HAVE IT. A DYING WOMAN'S FINAL WISH TO MAKE AMENDS.



DOES HE EVEN
CARE THAT HE'S
DRAGGING HIS
DEAD MOTHER'S
NAME THROUGH
THE MUD?



...AND
FOLLOWED
IN HIS
ADOPTED
MOTHER'S
FOOTSTEPS,
JOINING
HER
MAJESTY'S
ROYAL
GUARD.



THE
CAPTAIN
SELEN?

...CAPTAIN
SELEN OF
PHELIOSTA...

MY
HALF-
BROTHER
WAS
THEN
ADOPTED
BY...



I
KNOW
THIS
COMES
AS A
SHOCK
TO MOST
OF YOU,
BUT MY
MOTHER
WAS
HUMAN.



BEFORE
MEETING
MY FATHER,
SHE HAD
AN...
INDISCRE-
TION.



THE LIES
SPILL OFF HIS
TONGUE SO
CASUALLY,
WITHOUT THE
SLIGHTEST
TRACE OF
REMORSE.

I
ASSURE
YOU,
IT'S THE
TRUTH.



HE IS...

I MUST ADMIT, I WAS SKEPTICAL, BUT YUUJEL MIGHT ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO PULL THIS OFF.

ALL THE ARISTOCRATS CARE ABOUT IS WHERE THEY'LL STAND WITH THIS NEW PRINCE.

IF YUUJEL CONVINCES THEM THEY CAN PROFIT BY SUPPORTING HIS HALF-BROTHER...

...THEY'LL FALL IN BEHIND HIM [LIKE DUCKS IN A ROW]



SHE TOOK HIM IN TO HIDE MY MOTHER'S SHAME.

UH... YES.



LADY SONIA'S BASTARD SON WAS RAISED BY THE DARK ANGEL?



UNDER SELEN'S TUTELAGE, HE BECAME A MASTER SWORDSMAN AND TOOK HER PLACE AS CAPTAIN OF THE ROYAL GUARD.



I
WONDER
WHY I
NEVER
SAW IT
BEFORE.

YUJEL
HAS NO
NEED
TO WIN
ISHTAR'S
HAND.

...THE
DEEP
LOVE
THAT
EXISTED
BETWEEN
MY
BROTHER,
DARRES...

NOT WHEN
HE'S MORE
THAN CAPABLE
OF CONNING
HIS WAY TO
THE THRONE.

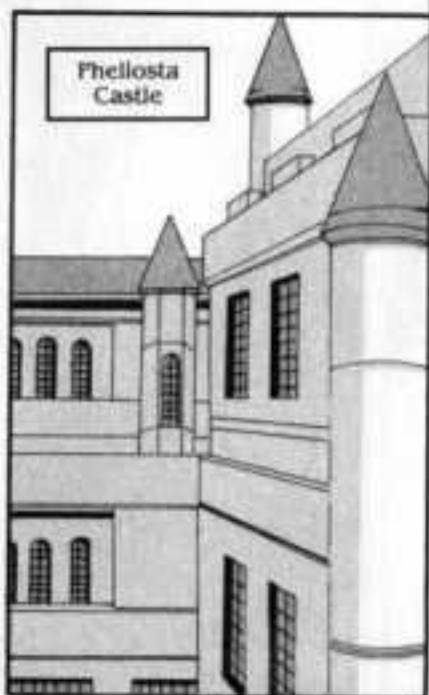


MY
MOTHER
PLANNED
TO TAKE
THIS SECRET
TO HER
GRAVE.

BUT
WHEN
SHE
SAW...

NOW...
...THIS
ISN'T
TO
LEAVE
THE
ROOM.





Phelosta
Castle



Hmm...



GASP!!



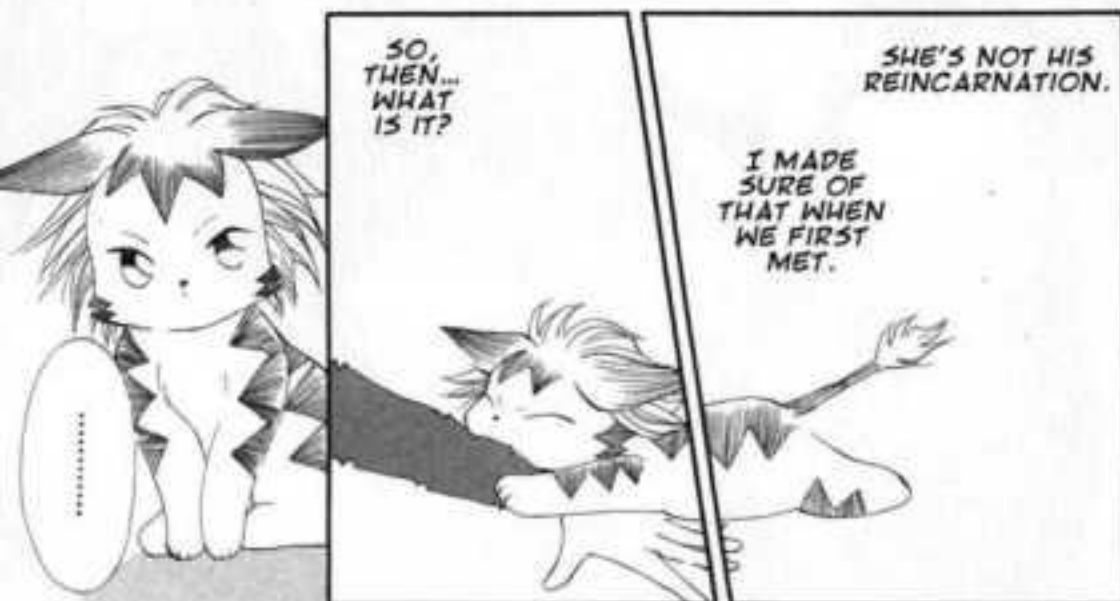
...AND HER
MAJESTY,
PRINCESS
ISHTAR, SHE
KNEW SHE
COULDN'T
STAND IN
THE WAY
OF FATE.



...BUT
ISHTAR'S
REALLY
STARTING
TO REMIND
ME OF
PHELIOS.



IT'S NOT
A PHYSICAL
RESEMBLANCE.
THEY LOOK
NOTHING
ALIKE.



SO,
THEN...
WHAT
IS IT?

SHE'S NOT HIS
REINCARNATION.

I MADE
SURE OF
THAT WHEN
WE FIRST
MET.



I COULDN'T
SAY WHY...

吸血遊戲

北領篇

Act.2



WHAT
IS IT?



I CARE
ABOUT
YOU.

AND
THERE
AREN'T
REALLY
MANY
THINGS
THAT I
CAN
CHERISH
IN MY
LIFE.

I WANT
TO DIE
PROTECTING
THE ONES
I LOVE.
JUST LIKE
MY GREAT-
GRANDFATHER,
ST. PHELIOS.





NO!

I WON'T TAKE THIS LYING DOWN. IF IT MEANS LEVELING THE CAPITAL, SO BE IT! BOYS, GET DRESSED! TONIGHT, WE RIDE FOR PHELIOSTA, AND WE'LL BE CARRYING THE FLAGS OF WAR!



THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!

MOM, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!



MOTHER...

LADY RAMIA...

...IT'S A JOINT PROCLAMATION FROM ZI ALDA AND PHELIOSTA. WHETHER OR NOT IT'S TRUE IS IRRELEVANT.

SONIA, YOU TRIED SCOOPING THE THRONE OUT FROM UNDER ME BEFORE! IF YOUR SON WASN'T SUCH A LUNKHEAD, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN YOURS!

FIGURES YOU COULDN'T RESIST ONE LAST ATTEMPT.

HMM...

I KNOW THAT!

WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW IS WHO'S BEHIND IT!

I'M
DOING
THIS FOR
YOU,
BOYS...



YOU
WOULDN'T
COOPERATE
WHEN SONIA
ARRANGED
FOR YOU TO
MARRY THE
PRINCESS...

...THIS
HAS
YOUR
FINGER-
PRINTS
ALL
OVER
IT.

YUUJEL...



...AND
BECOME
KING. BUT
MAYBE
THAT'S NOT
THE BEST
THING FOR
PHELIOSTA.



PLEASE!



MOTHER

...I
KNOW
YOU ALWAYS
WANTED ONE
OF US TO
MARRY THE
PRINCESS...



WHETHER
HE ACTUALLY
IS PART OF
THE BLOOD-
LINE OR NOT,
I WILL NOT
BOW TO
ONE SO
IMPURE.

AND
HAVING
THIS
BASTARD
ON THE
THRONE
IS?!

Kingdom of Ci Xeneth

SO
ASHLEY
DROPPED
BY...

...AND
THREATENED
TO MAKE OUR
PEDIGREES
PUBLIC?





...LADY
SONIA'S
FINAL
REQUEST.

THAT
WON'T GET
HIM ANY
CLOSER TO
CALLING
THE
PRINCESS
HIS
SISTER.

OKAY

...NOW
I GET
IT.

BUT IT
DOESN'T
REALLY
CHANGE
ANYTHING.

YUJEL
CAN COME
UP WITH AS
MANY EXTRA
BROTHERS
AS HE
LIKES.



OH,
MAN,
THAT
IS TOO
MUCH!

I WISH
I COULD'VE
BEEN THERE.
HOW DID MOM
REACT? DID SHE
TURN PURPLE
AND DO THAT
STUTTERING
THING SHE
ALWAYS DOES
WHEN SHE'S
ANGRY?
COME ON,
LAPHIJI,
I WANT
DETAILS!

REGARD-
LESS
OF HIS
METHODS,
HIS POINT
IS VALID.
THIS IS THE
BEST THING
FOR THE
NATION.

SHE
DIDN'T
STUTTER,
BUT SHE
DEFINITELY
WASN'T
HAPPY.

THIS
IS...

AND
IT'S
WHAT
AUNT
SONIA
WANTED.

WHAT?

COULD HE...?

WAIT A MINUTE...

WHAT?!



AND IF ISHTAR REALLY DOES LOVE HIM...



BUT IT DOESN'T TAKE A DETECTIVE TO FIGURE IT OUT.

ASHLEY DIDN'T MENTION OUR NEW COUSIN'S NAME.



I WOULDN'T BE SO SURE OF THAT...
...MY BROTHER.



HAS SEIJIEZ BEEN LISTENING IN THE WHOLE TIME?



!?

...ARE IN LOVE.

THE OFFICIAL WORD FROM ASHLEY...

...IS THAT SONIA'S BASTARD SON AND THE PRINCESS...









WATCHING
HER START
OVER WITH
ANOTHER
MAN...



I'LL SAID!

I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT.

I CAN'T DO THIS.



HOW CAN I DENY HOW I FEEL ABOUT HER? I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH HER FOR SO LONG.

FALAN, WHAT'S WRONG?



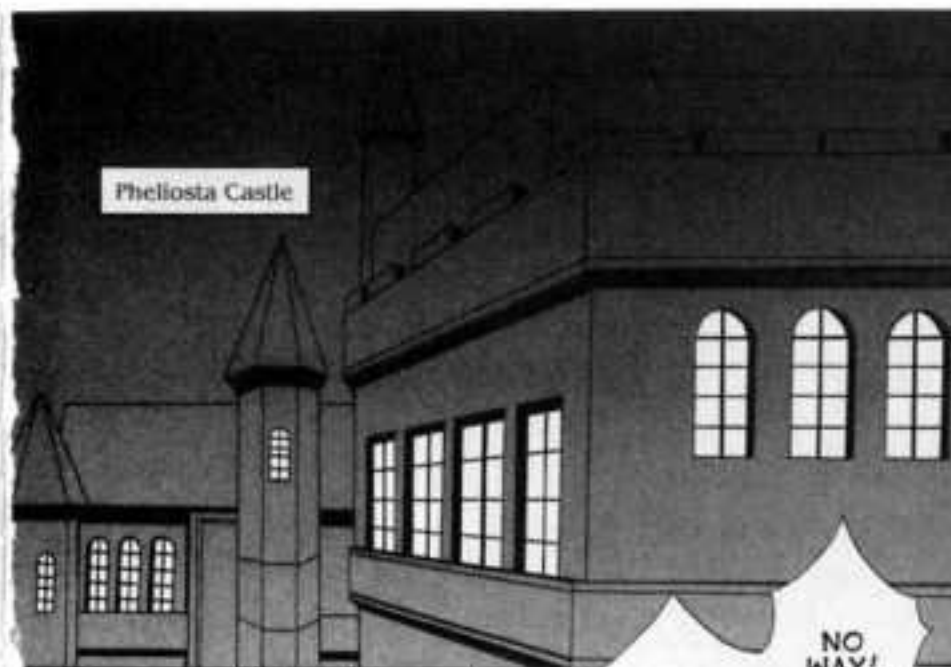
AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF ZI ALDA, I'M HERE TO OFFICIALLY INTRODUCE MY HALF-BROTHER...



I MEAN, WE'VE BEEN GETTING MARRIED TO OUR COUSINS FOR SO LONG THAT IT'S A WONDER WE'RE NOT ALL PLAYING BANJOS AND CHEWING TOBACCO.

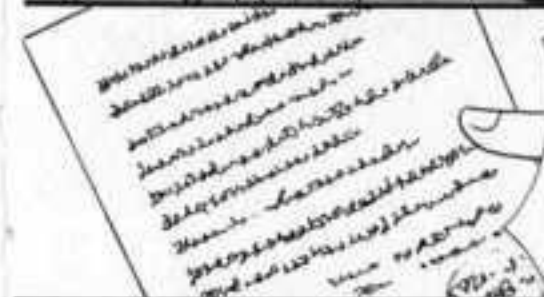
OUR FAMILY NEEDS AS MUCH FRESH BLOOD AS POSSIBLE!

THIS IS GREAT!



Pheliosta Castle

...IS TEARING ME APART.



NO WAY!

LADY SONIA HAD A LOVECHILD? THAT IS SO COOL!



IT WAS CERTAINLY A SURPRISE TO ME.



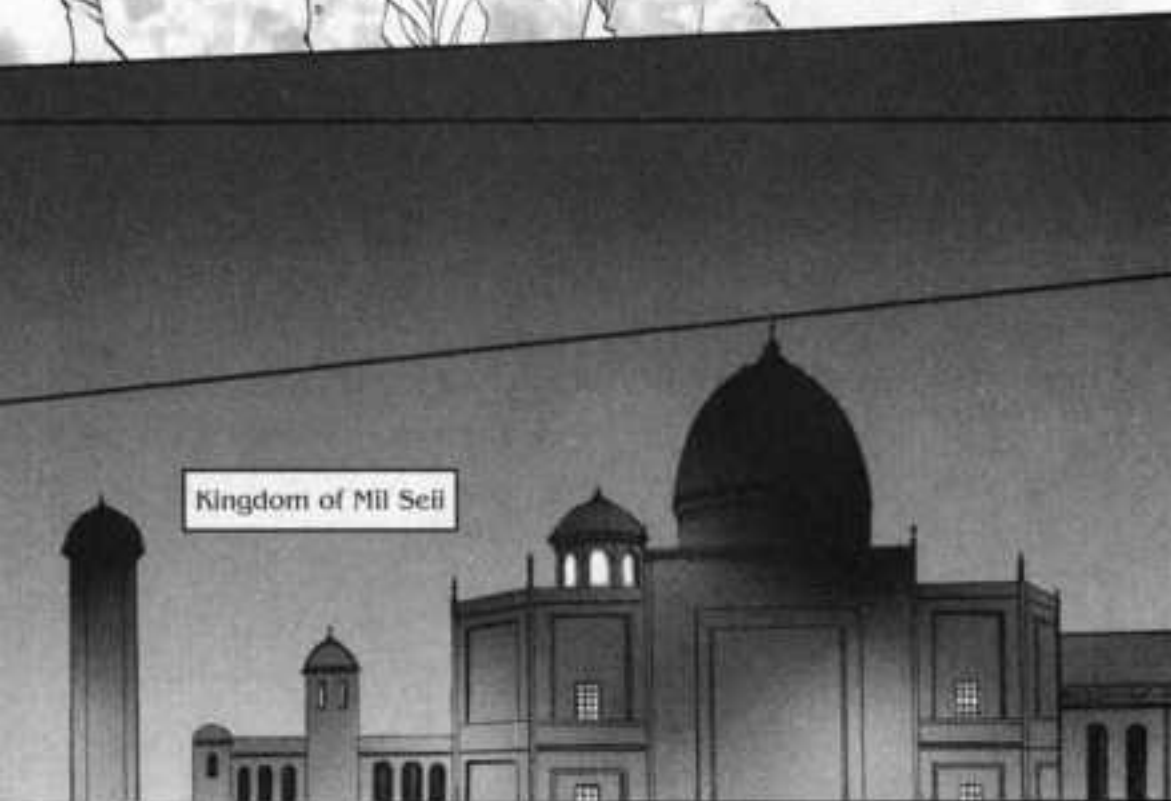
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...UM...





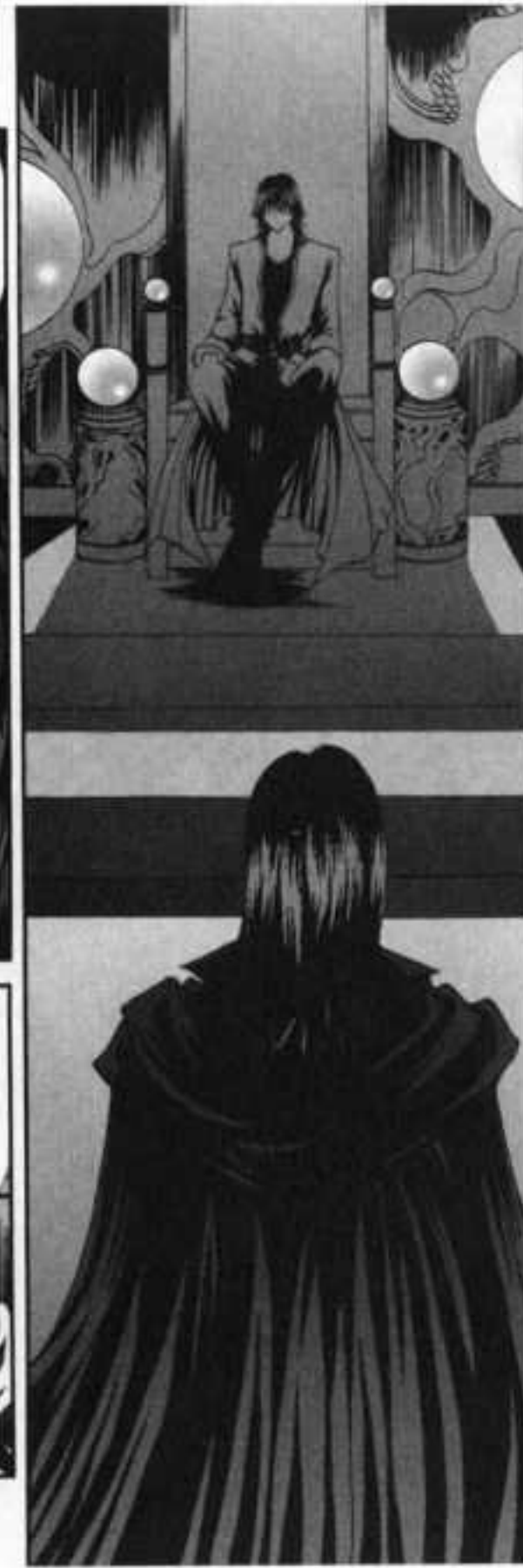






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I'LL
DEAL
WITH THIS
DEVEL-
OPMENT.
THERE'S
NOTHING
TO WORRY
ABOUT,
LORD
LASSEN.



WELL,
WELL,
WELL! WE
MUST BE
LIVING IN
DESPERATE
TIMES...

...HOW
YOU'RE
UNDERMINING
THE
FOUNDATION...

...OF
THE
HOUSE
OF
PHELIOS.

...TELL
ME
AGAIN...



SO,
SHARLEN
...



I'VE
ALWAYS
BEEN A
FAN OF
FAIRY
TALES.

YOU
KNOW
ME...



...WHEN WE
MADE OUR
BARGAIN?
YOU SAID
YOU'D HELP
ME WIN THE
THRONE OF
PHELIOSTA,
AT ANY
COST.

REMEM-
BER...



MY
LORD?



EASY,
HUMÉ

WE'RE
NOT AT
THAT
POINT
JUST
YET.



WE'RE
NOT?



YOU
KNOW ME,
SHORT OF
SLAUGHTERING
A ROOMFUL
OF HOMELESS
BABIES OR
SOMETHING,
I'M GAME FOR
PRETTY MUCH
ANYTHING.



HE
MIGHT
NEED
YOUR...
HELP.

...AND
KEEP AN
EYE ON
HIM.

NO.
FOR THE
TIME BEING,
I JUST
WANT YOU
TO ESCORT
MY DEAR
FRIEND
SHARLEN
TO THE
CAPITAL...



RIGHT,
SHARLEN?



...IF THE
MIGHTY
LORD
LASSEN IS
SUMMON-
ING ME.

I CAME
AS FAST
AS I
COULD.

WHAT
FIEF DO
YOU
WANT
ME TO
ANNIHILATE?





CUT
IT OUT.
YOU'RE
LYING
AND WE
BOTH
KNOW
IT.

STOP
TREATING
ME LIKE
AN IDIOT...



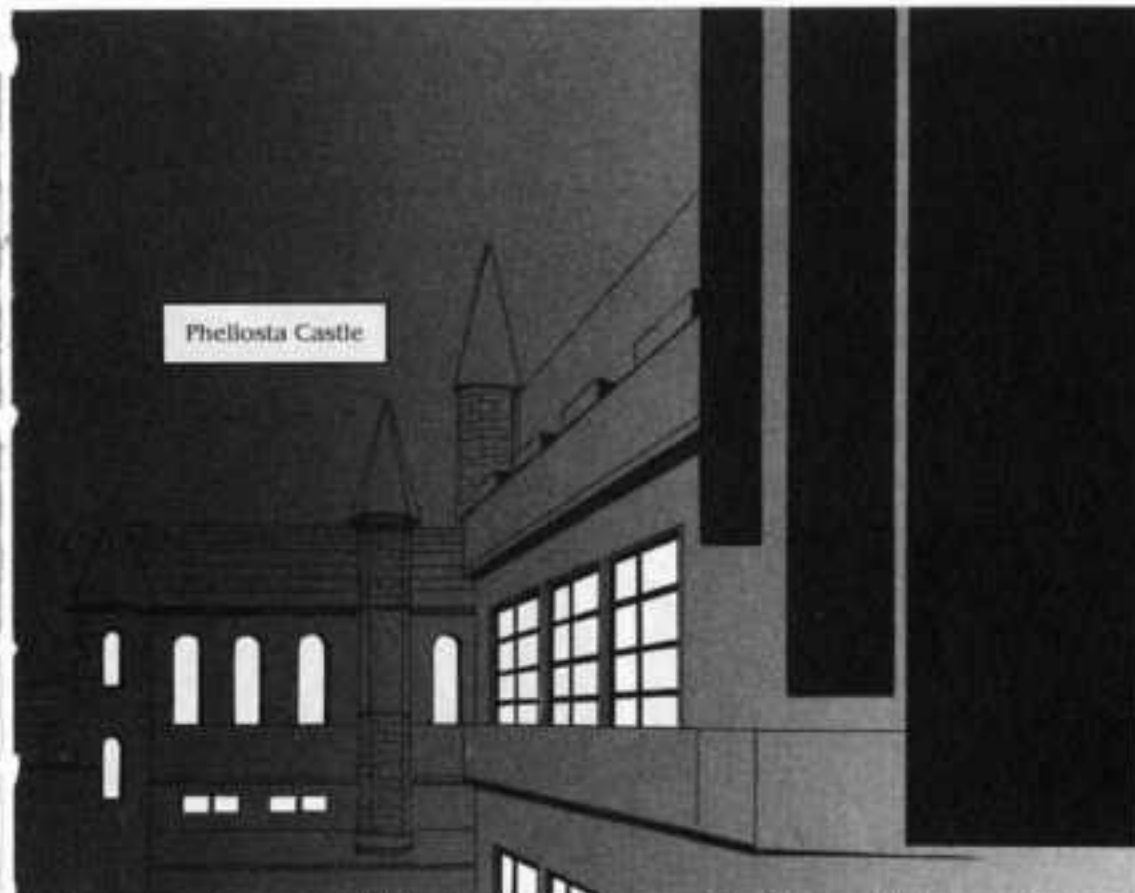
I
DID.

...AND
TELL ME
WHAT'S
REALLY
GOING
ON!



...BUT
I DO
KNOW
WHERE
YOU
GOT
THE
IDEA.

I DON'T
KNOW WHY
YOU'RE
DOING
THIS...



Phelosta Castle



GOT
IT,
BRO?



SO
THAT
MAKES
YOU
MY HALF-
BROTHER.



MY
MOTHER
HAD YOU
BEFORE
SHE MET
MY
FATHER.

OKAY,
ONE
MORE
TIME...



WHY ME?

I'M JUST THE ROYAL BABYSITTER.

I STILL DON'T GET IT.



I DON'T WANT TO BE YOUR BROTHER, AND I SURE AS HELL DON'T WANT TO BE YOUR PAWN!

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT POLITICS.



THIS ISN'T ABOUT ME OR YOU. IT'S ABOUT PHELIOSTA. AND IT'S ABOUT ISHTAR.



DARRES, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.



THE THREE ADOPTED PRINCES OF LA NAAN!

AM I RIGHT?!



...THAT EVERY ASSASSIN FROM HERE TO RAZENIA WILL BE HIDING UNDER YOUR BED.



...OR LADY RAMIA WILL PUT A PRICE ON YOUR HEAD SO BIG...

NEVER MENTION THAT AGAIN...

NOT SO LOUD!













B-BUT
SIR
KELD...

...THAT
I WISH
YOU
NOTHING
BUT
HAPPINESS.



YOU
WANTED
ME TO
MARRY
YUUJEL
SO BADLY!

...WHY?



I
THOUGHT
HE COULD
GIVE YOU
THE
STRONGEST
CHILD.

BUT
ONLY
BECAUSE
YUUJEL WAS
THE QUALIFIED
SUITOR WITH
THE LEAST
AMOUNT
OF ROYAL
BLOOD.

I
DID.



I
HAVE
DISCUSSED
THE MATCH
WITH
YUUJEL.

AND I
HAVE GIVEN
IT MY
SANCTION,
AS YOUR
OFFICIAL
GUARDIAN.



W
H
A
T
?!



...TO
ACCEPT
YUUJEL'S...
UNCON-
VENTIONAL
PROPOSAL.

...IF
YOU'RE SO
INCLINED, I
ENCOURAGE
YOU...

AND
KNOW,
HIGH-
NESS...

THERE-
FORE...



I LOVE YOU, TOO.



...WHAT RIGHT DO WE HAVE TO ENFORCE THOSE LAWS?

THE PEOPLE TRUST US TO UPHOLD THE LAWS OF PHELIOSTA. IF WE LIE TO THEM...



BUT...
...WE CAN'T DO THIS.



I LOVE YOU, OLD MAN!!

OH, KELD!



I'VE TAKEN CARE OF YOU FOR SO LONG NOW, I'VE COME TO THINK OF YOU AS...

...MY OWN DAUGHTER.

AND ALL I WANT NOW IS TO LIVE LONG ENOUGH...

...TO SEE YOUR HEALTHY CHILD... AND FOR YOU TO BE HAPPY.





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About Sharlen



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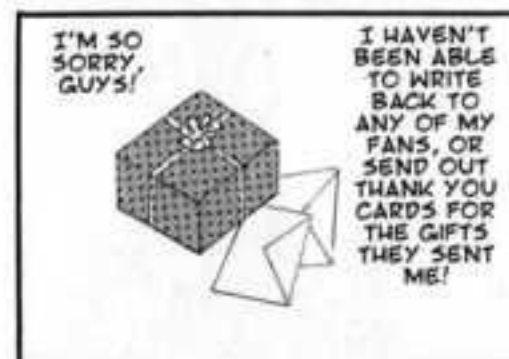


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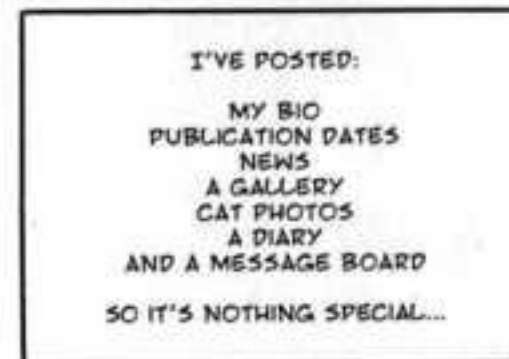




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Next Volume...



Lassen of Mil Sell is Ishtar's cousin, and like most members of her family, is likely to become a powerful pain-in-the-neck. For starters, he's a master magician and poisoner. He also really seems to enjoy hanging out with vampires. Throw in the fact that he's been coveting Phelios's throne for a long time, and we've got a bona fide crisis brewing in Mil Sell. But danger's not the only thing in the air. Are those wedding bells we hear? Well, maybe not, for to prove that he's part of the royal family, Darres must pass a test. If he's truly a member of the Phelios' clan, Darres should have no problem unsheathing Skia, the Holy Sword. The problem is that he's not really royalty...is he? Looks like we'll all find out together in the next volume of Vampire Game!

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